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## Notice To The Trade Technical Briefing on the Revised Animal Welfare Requirements

The Livestock and Seed Program of the Agricultural Marketing Service invites current and potential contractors and subcontractors and other interested parties to participate in a technical briefing on the revised animal welfare requirements that will be implemented in the near future for Federal food and nutrition assistance program purchases.

The Technical briefing will be conducted by a conference call scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The Technical briefing will provide all interested parties with an overview of the revised animal welfare requirements and the implementation and oversight of the requirements and other related issues. The conference call information is as follows:

DATE:

Monday, August 11, 2008

TIME:

1:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time

CALL NUMBER:

(888) 989-3316

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The revised animal welfare requirements that will be discussed during the technical briefing can be found under "What's New" at <a href="https://www.ams.usda.gov/LSCP">www.ams.usda.gov/LSCP</a>.

All interested firms and parties are encouraged to participate in the technical briefing. If further information is needed prior to the conference call, please contact Duane Williams, Chief, Commodity Procurement Branch, on 202/720-2650 or by e-mail on duane.williams@usda.gov.

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